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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

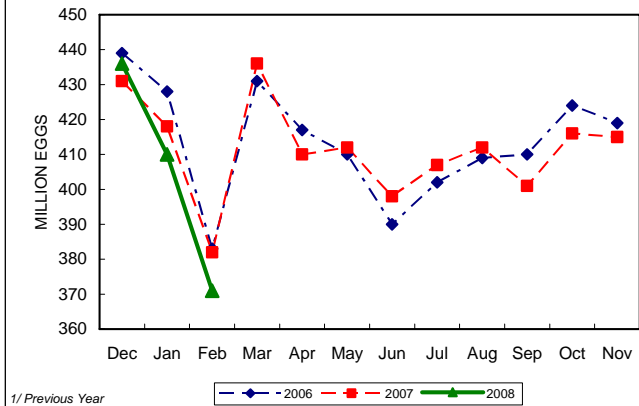
California's egg production during February totaled 371 million, a decrease of 39.0 million from January's production and 11.0 million below February 2008. The average number of layers during the month totaled 18.5 million, down 2 percent from last month and 5 percent below February 2007. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,003 compared to 2,165 a month earlier and 1,958 in February 2007.

U.S. FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

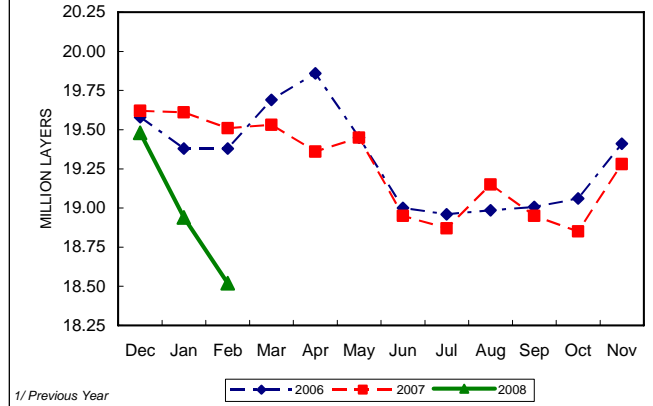
U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during February 2008, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2008 averaged 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,075 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2008 totaled 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2008, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2007.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION FEBRUARY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MARCH 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted a/		Layers With Molt Completed a/	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent		Percent	
Alabama	9,225	9,535	1,724	1,804	159	172	0.5	0.5	5.0	6.0
Arkansas	14,561	14,536	1,738	1,775	253	258	1.5	0.0	12.0	12.0
California	19,512	18,523	1,958	2,003	382	371	2.5	3.0	34.0	35.0
Georgia	19,755	19,442	1,883	1,944	372	378	1.5	1.0	17.0	13.5
Indiana	25,114	24,474	2,015	2,112	506	517	5.5	2.0	32.0	33.5
Iowa	51,672	53,570	1,959	2,081	1,012	1,115	4.0	2.5	36.0	34.0
North Carolina	11,902	12,757	1,815	1,944	216	248	1.0	0.0	8.5	7.5
Ohio	27,152	26,190	2,059	2,092	559	548	2.0	0.5	25.0	15.0
Pennsylvania	22,961	21,835	2,186	2,276	502	497	2.5	2.0	13.5	11.5
Texas	19,042	19,034	2,027	2,096	386	399	4.5	1.0	21.0	26.0
UNITED STATES	348,843	343,366	1,993	2,075	6,951	7,125	2.9	2.0	24.2	22.3

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2008 totaled 771 million, up 7 percent from February 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 679 million on March 1, 2008, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2008, up 5 percent from February 2007.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	101,237	109,490	108
Arkansas	92,053	95,937	104
Delaware	12,987	13,858	107
Florida	4,587	4,774	104
Georgia	114,722	118,523	103
Kentucky	25,665	26,036	101
Louisiana	12,419	13,626	110
Maryland	27,770	31,254	113
Mississippi	62,342	65,686	105
North Carolina	61,954	67,619	109
Oklahoma	21,633	22,057	102
Pennsylvania	12,581	14,544	116
South Carolina	17,680	18,376	104
Texas	47,518	53,939	114
Virginia	20,513	21,652	106
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	64,855	67,315	104
Other States 1/	23,237	26,511	114
UNITED STATES	723,753	771,197	107

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2008 totaled 37.5 million, up 2 percent from February 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.5 million on March 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year ago.

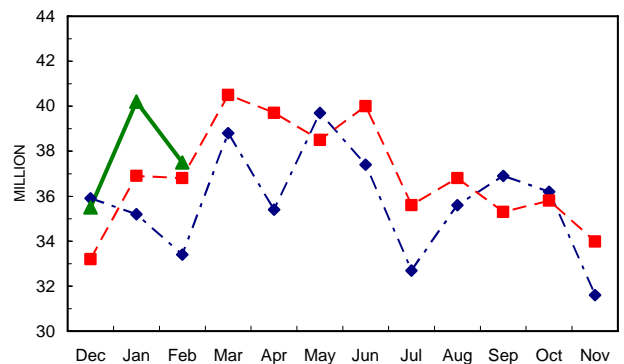
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 280 thousand during February 2008, up 69 percent from February 2007.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, FEBRUARY

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Georgia	2,139	2,175	102
Indiana	5,116	5,051	99
Iowa	7,295	7,110	97
Minnesota	823	620	75
Pennsylvania	4,862	5,596	115
Other States 1/	16,531	16,997	103
UNITED STATES	36,766	37,549	102

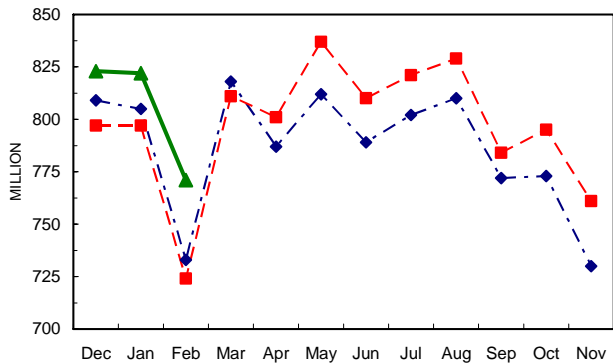
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EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



1/ Previous Year

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



1/ Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MARCH 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,858	12,614	106	6,847	5,094	74
East North Central	9,721	11,448	118	8,078	7,116	88
West North Central	28,711	30,429	106	8,939	8,575	96
South Atlantic	248,207	251,372	101	3,957	4,624	117
South Central	340,157	347,643	102	4,876	5,997	123
West	25,161	25,575	102	5,771	5,125	89
UNITED STATES	663,815	679,081	102	38,468	36,531	95

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for February 2008 was \$1.25 per dozen, 5.00 cents above the January mid-month price and up 59.0 cents from February 2007.

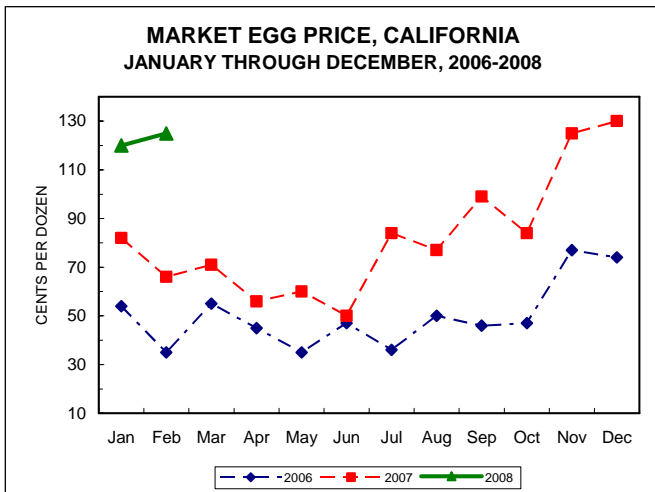
Nationally, the February market egg price, at \$1.22 per dozen, increased 2.0 cents from January and is 59.3 cents above February 2007. The February broiler price, at 50.0 cents per pound, is up 2.0 cents from January and 3.0 cents above a year ago. The February turkey price, at 47.5 cents per pound, is up 2.7 cents from the previous month and up 5.1 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008
<i>Cents</i>				
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	66.0	120.0	125.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	47.0	48.0	50.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	62.7	120.0	122.0
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	42.4	44.8	47.5

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 31.9 million, up 2 percent from March 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were up 1 percent from the February 1, 2008 total of 31.5 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 7 percent, West North Central unchanged, North and South Atlantic up 7 percent, and South Central and West up 8 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during February 2008, in the United States totaled 25.8 million, up 4 percent from February 2007. Poults hatched were down 5 percent from the January 2008 total of 27.0 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 2 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic up 12 percent, and South Central and West down 10 percent.

The 25.0 million net poults placed during February 2008 in the United States were up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 4 percent from the January 2008 total of 26.1 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs In Incubators March 1		2008 2007	Eggs Hatched During Feb.		2008 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,910	4,565	93	3,943	4,005	102
W N Central	12,098	12,099	100	9,613	10,019	104
N & S Atlantic	9,782	10,509	107	7,702	8,603	112
S Central & West	4,419	4,754	108	3,491	3,155	90
U.S.	31,209	31,927	102	24,749	25,782	104

1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2007-08 2006-07	Cumulative Total		2007-08 2006-07
	2006-07	2007-08		2006-07	2007-08	
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sept.	23,534	24,073	102	23,534	24,073	102
Oct.	24,891	25,217	101	48,425	49,290	102
Nov.	23,792	24,755	104	72,217	74,045	103
Dec.	23,879	24,096	101	96,096	98,141	102
Jan. 2/	26,068	26,067	100	122,164	124,208	102
Feb.	24,249	24,963	103	146,413	149,171	102
Mar.	26,433			172,846		
Apr.	26,040			198,886		
May	27,271			226,157		
June	26,277			252,434		
July	27,343			279,777		
Aug.	26,523			306,300		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2008 data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	February 28, 2007	January 31, 2008	February 29, 2008	Feb. 2008 Feb. 2007	Feb. 2008 Jan. 2008
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	15,208	23,160	23,124	152	100
Chickens	Lbs.	26,347	38,656	39,052	148	101
Ducks	Lbs.	18	822	807	4,483	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	41,573	62,638	62,983	151	101
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	312,878	327,590	411,474	132	126
Chickens	Lbs.	621,956	773,005	753,151	121	97
Ducks	Lbs.	4,773	5,088	5,228	110	103
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	939,607	1,105,683	1,169,853	125	106
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,693	12,007	15,834	101	132



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